

## POET LAUREATE ACTIVITIES

### Amy Young (Poet Laureate 2011-2013)

#### READINGS/ WRITING REQUESTS:

Writing of original poems for the following occasions:

- Annual USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration 2011, 2012?
- “Tell Me” – Adoption Day Reading
- “Welcome to the New Year” – Jiangsu Chinese Delegation
- “The Power of a River” written for Alpha Delta Kappa Convention in Alexandria
- “Ode to the Shovel” – 2011 Snow Storm
- “What We Hold” – 2012 Newton, CT Tragedy

Readings:

- Attended Arts Picnic sponsored by Alexandria Arts Forum and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. Read “Summer”
- Quill Well Poetry Festival Reading with and for educators and students
- Project Discovery Tea 2011, 2012
- Alexandria Earth Day Readings 2011, 2012
- Poetry Reading at Del Ray Farmers Market - ‘Come Write With Me’ participants read poems and writings from the workshop
- Guest reader at Tribute to Jean Elliott at Old Presbyterian Meeting House (Organized by Mary McElveen).

#### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Workshops:

- Meeting of Workshop “Come Write With Me” 2011, 2012.
- Alexandria Young Poets Club – week long (mornings) translation and poetry writing workshop at Tenants and Workers United 2011, 2012.

Speaking engagements/ Appearances:

- Volunteered at College Admission Essay Workshop at TC Williams.
- Read “Have You Seen a Poet?” at Alexandria Youth Arts Festival and led small journal making activity 2011, 2012.
- Volunteered at Information Booth at Alexandria Festival of the Arts, 2011, 2012.
- Meet with PTA Reflections committee to judge literary submissions from TC Williams.
- Earth Day Activity – poems about the earth written on recycled cereal boxes 2011, 2012.
- Afternoon Workshop at Hammond Middle School – Odes to Favorite Objects
- Volunteer as Judge for Reflections Contest John Adams Elementary
- Workshop on Harlem Renaissance at Hammond Middle School

#### REPRESENTATION OF CITY AT LOCAL POETRY EVENTS:

- Attended open mic at Busboys and Poets to watch DC Youth Slam Team perform in preparation for Brave New Voices competition in California.
- Attended “Meet the Legends Reception,” Living Legends of Alexandria

- Judged Airport Authority Poetry Slam for African American Heritage Month with Nikki Giovanni

#### PROGRAMS:

- Held six “Poetry summit” to bring a range of interested parties together, including Parks and Rec, TC teacher, Alexandria Recycling, arts commissioners, poet laureate support committee members and spoken word artists.
- Poem in Your Pocket Day: Poetry in the Parks - volunteers gathered in local parks to read and share poems.
- Celebration of National Poetry Month, Readings by Guest Poets including Shelly Bell, local spoken word poets and former poet laureate Mary McElveen
- Poem in Your Pocket Day at the Atheneum - A Celebration of Small poems that delight. Guest readers included Mary McElveen and Town Crier Jonathan Fiore-Walker.
- Dog Days of August (month long dog poems in dog parks) 2011, 2012
- August 4<sup>th</sup> – Poetry Flash mob at First Thursday with Alexandria Young Poets Club
- Map Alexandria with Poems and Photography (MAPP) project 2012